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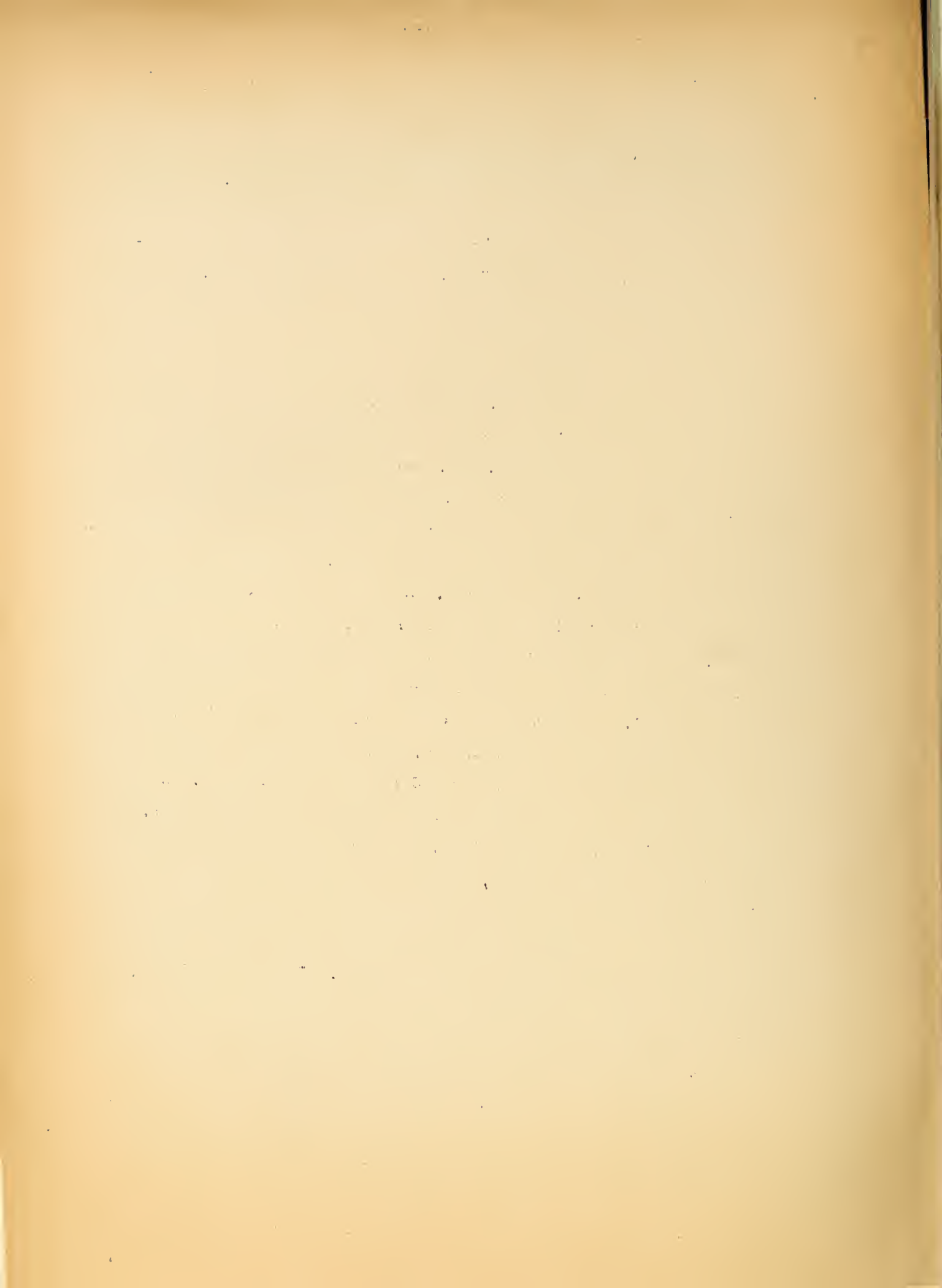
Paul R. LeGer, Federal Food Reporter says there is really some good news for housewives this week on the Fruit and Vegetable Markets. It is in the form of home grown tomatoes.

The weather has been of the "fast ripening" variety and this week found tomatoes to the near "overflowing" point on the local markets. In fact they were in quantities large enough to cause price declines of nearly 50 percent in some cases. A really good buy, in fact the best and outstanding buy of the week. Quality fine for canning and prices plenty low enough to justify canning them in large quantities. Just how long this large supply and low prices will last is hard to figure but it is a reasonable bet it will not last long, maybe only a few days. Mr. LeGer advises all housewives who plan to can tomatoes to do so while they have this fine opportunity.

Supplies of fresh fruits have increased considerably this past week. Although supplies cannot be classed as plentiful, there are a good many and also several varieties to choose from. Among the newcomers during the past couple of weeks are 3 varieties of fresh Plums, some Apricots and some Nectarines. Plums have declined in price and the quality is just right for canning. A few peaches are available but they are really scarce and a little high priced. In fact there is very little chance of peaches ever becoming low priced anytime this season. Some apples are still on the market. Grapefruit is now coming from California and Arizona. A good many oranges and lemons are also available. Those large round cherries, so red they are nearly black, known as Bings, are here and have been for several weeks, but, too high for canning, although the price has declined.

The fresh vegetable situation has taken on a different picture lately. Irish potatoes are at last plentiful and prices are much lower than a short time ago when they were scarce and hard to find. Supplies of Green Beans, Squash and Cucumbers have diminished and prices advanced accordingly. Texas Cantaloups, mostly Hales Best variety, and Texas watermelons, both the long Watsons and the round Black Diamonds are becoming more plentiful and show a small price decline but are still higher than in other seasons.

Although we still have a few of most of the home grown items available, the supply is running low and buyers are now turning to Colorado, California and a few other districts for some of them such as green beans, cabbage, leaf lettuce, green onions, parsley, radishes, spinach and a few others.



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According to Paul R. LeGer, Federal Food Reporter, the local fruit and vegetable markets are still well supplied with most items and although locally grown products are becoming a little more scarce each day, wholesalers are keeping well supplied with products from other states such as California, Colorado, Arizona, Arkansas and one or two others.

Homo grown tomatoes which came in for a few days last week in large enough quantities to cause sharp price declines, has again settled down to about normal for the times and prices have gone back up to about the same level as that of a couple of weeks ago.

Irish Potatoes are very plentiful all over the country at this time, prices have declined considerably from those of last Spring and the outlook at this time is very good for the next several months at least.

More and more watermelons and cantaloups are coming in but the price remains about unchanged, a little high. Some Honey Dew melons from California are available. Good colery is hard to find. Head Lettuce prices are lower. The first new crop Rutabagas arrived this week, grown in Texas and night fine quality. Plenty of California Plums, fine quality and not too high priced.

Mr. LeGer says there are still plenty of Pineapple on the market but these will soon be gone and although they may seem a little high priced for canning, when you take into consideration that canned pineapple will likewise be higher in price and that it requires ration points to get them while no points are required for the fresh product, he believes housewives would be very wise to can some of them if they have not already done so.





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Tomatoes again head the list on the local fruit and vegetable markets as the best buy for the week, says Paul R. LeGer, Federal Food Reporter for the War Food Administration. Tomatoes have been more or less high priced for a long time with the exception of a few days a couple of weeks ago, but this week seen them coming in larger quantities day by day and now the prices are definitely lower and this time, from all indications, will remain at the lower level for a couple of weeks or so, maybe longer. Top quality of both home grown and East Texas stock can now be purchased on the wholesale markets at a price for which culls were selling only a short time ago. The quality is fine, the flavor "tops". Check these prices, then the number of ration points required to purchase the canned tomatoes -- you will find that now is the opportune time to lay in a good supply and do your canning of this item for use next winter when they are going to be much more scarce and higher priced. Mr. LeGer says there is no doubt about it, tomatoes are the best buy of the week and warns housewives who plan to can them to do so now, don't wait for lower prices, you might be disappointed. Why take the chance?

Irish Potatoes are very plentiful all over the country and prices reasonable. The nearby district of Hereford, Texas is shipping some mighty fine quality spuds. Other leading potato districts shipping at this time are California, Virginia, Kansas, Missouri, North Carolina, some from Arizona, Arkansas, Kentucky, a few from Oklahoma, Tennessee, Washington and 1 or 2 other states. Only a few of these are shipping to the Fort Worth market but the fact so many districts are shipping is the answer to the large supplies and low prices now prevailing. Carlot dealers were surprised last week to find such fine quality spuds coming from the Kaw Valley of Kansas and the Orrick district of Missouri after having been hit recently by some rather devastating floods.

The market on head lettuce is lower and rather unsettled at this time. Sweet Peppers are at the lowest price for the season, and a good buy. Bing Cherries are much cheaper than when they first came on the market earlier in the season. Some fine Colorado Spinach available at reasonable prices. Thompson Seedless grapes from California are still a little high although about 1/4 lower in price than a few weeks ago. A few locally grown, fair quality, Concord grapes are coming in at prices above normal.

California is now shipping a few new crop Gravenstein apples and a few pears, none of these have reached this part of the country but any day now should see them making an appearance. Supplies of old stock apples are nearly exhausted.





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Best buys for the week on the Fruit and Vegetable markets are irish potatoes, tomatoes, head lettuce, and carrots, says Paul R. LoGer, Federal Food Reporter for the Food Distribution Administration. Also rated as good buys are some California grapefruit, home grown black-eyed peas, squash, bulk turnips and turnip greens and some fine Colorado spinach. A few home grown grapes of the blue varieties are offered at fairly reasonable prices.

Tomatoes are still plentiful, fine quality, and prices remain the same as last week. In fact there are very little change in prices of any commodities with the exception of dry onions. Celery is rather high. Cantaloupes, although not in the low priced field are not nearly as high priced as they were a few weeks ago. All cantaloupes offered at this time are Texas grown. Watmorgons are plentiful but entirely too high priced. Several varieties are offered. A fair to plentiful supply exists of most items at this time and none can really be placed in the "scarce" list for the time being with the possible exception of dry onions.

Regarding dry onions, Mr. LoGer says that practically no Texas onions are available and what few are offered are coming mostly from New Mexico and from Oklahoma with quality fair and prices higher. The prospects for the future on this item are none too bright. We are facing a possible onion shortage and nothing in sight to indicate conditions will be otherwise for some time. Prices no doubt will advance, but of course not to exceed the ceiling price set by the O.P.A.

Note to Newspapers and Radio Stations:

Mr. LoGer will be absent from duty for the next two weeks, therefore no "Wartime Food Bulletin" will be released during that period. The bulletin will be resumed on schedule as of August 12.

